

I. LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A side air-bag adapted to be mounted to a vehicle seat back and formed of interconnected layers of fabric, the air-bag further adapted to be inflated by a gas generator, the air-bag comprising: an internal tether having ~~two ends~~ first and second ends fastened to one or more of the fabric layers and serving to interconnect two spaced-apart regions of an interior of the air-bag, wherein, upon inflation of the air-bag, the distance around the periphery of the air-bag, in horizontal section, between the ends of the tether is greater in one direction than in the other direction and the length of the tether is less than the distance in the other direction;

the air-bag includes a portion configured to receive a gas generator, the first end fastened at a point at or adjacent to the portion configured to receive the gas generator, the tether extending to the second end fastened to a point within the interior of the air-bag which is remote from the gas generator, where upon inflation, the tether divides the air-bag interior into two chambers positioned between an occupant of the seat and a side of the vehicle.

2. (Original) A The side air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50mm.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A The air-bag according to Claim 1 ~~Claim 3~~ wherein the ~~air-bag is formed from interconnected layers of fabric comprise:~~ two super-imposed ~~substantially identical~~ layers of fabric having substantially identical sizes interconnected by a peripheral seam there ~~being~~ and a gusset or third layer of fabric interposed between ~~said the~~ two layers of fabric over at least part of the peripheral seam, the tether extending from ~~said the~~ portion configured to receive ~~said the~~ gas generator to a side edge part of ~~said the~~ gusset.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the tether is a single panel.

9. (Previously Presented) A The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the tether is a plurality of straps acting together.

10. (Previously Presented) A side air-bag adapted to be mounted to a vehicle seat back and formed of interconnected layers of fabric the air-bag further adapted to be inflated by a gas generator, the air-bag comprising: an internal tether having two ends first and second ends fastened to one or more of the fabric layers and serving to interconnect two spaced-apart regions of an interior of the air-bag, wherein upon

inflation of the air-bag, the distance around the periphery of an interior of the air-bag, in horizontal section, between the ends of the tether is greater in one direction than in the other direction and the length of the tether is less than the distance in the other direction, wherein the side the air-bag includes a portion configured to receive a gas generator and extending to the second end fastened to a point within the the interior of the air-bag arranged to inflate the two spaced apart regions extending therefrom, and the tether extends from a point in or adjacent said portion configured to receive said gas generator to a point within said interior of the airbag which is remote from said the gas generator, where upon inflation, the tether divides the air-bag interior into two chambers positioned between an occupant of the seat and a side of the vehicle,

wherein the interconnected layers of fabric comprise two super-imposed layers of fabric having substantially identical sizes, the layers of fabric being interconnected by a peripheral seam, the tether extending from the portion configured to receive the gas generator to a part of one of the layers of fabric spaced from the peripheral seam.

11. (Previously Presented) A The side air-bag according to Claim 10 wherein the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50 mm.

12. (Previously Presented) A The air-bag according to Claim 10 wherein the tether is a single panel.

13. (Previously Presented) A The air-bag according to Claim 10 wherein the tether is a plurality of straps acting together.

14. (Previously Presented) A side air-bag adapted to be mounted to a vehicle seat back and formed of interconnected layers of fabric, the air-bag further adapted to be inflated by a gas generator, the air-bag comprising: an internal tether having two first and second ends fastened to one or more of the fabric layers and serving to interconnect two-spaced-apart regions of an interior of the air-bag, wherein upon inflation of the air-bag, the distance around the periphery of an interior of the air-bag, in horizontal section, between the ends of the tether is greater in one direction than in the other direction and the length of the tether is less than the distance in the other direction, wherein the side the air-bag includes a portion configured to receive a gas generator, arranged to inflate the two spaced-apart regions with an inflatable region extending therefrom, and the tether first end fastened at extends from a point in at or adjacent said the portion configured to receive said the gas generator and extending to the second end fastened to a point within said the interior of the airbag which is remote from said the gas generator, wherein upon inflation, the tether divides the air-bag interior into two chambers positioned between an occupant of the seat and a side of the vehicle and the interconnected layers of fabric are two adjacent layers of fabric of different sizes interconnected by a peripheral seam, the internal tether extending from the portion configured to receive the gas generator to part of the peripheral seam. the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50 mm.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A The air-bag according to [Claim 11] Claim 10 wherein the interconnected layers of fabric further comprise ~~air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric interconnected by a peripheral seam and there being a gusset or third layer of fabric interposed between said the two layers of fabric over at least part of the peripheral seam, the tether extending from said the portion configured to receive said the gas generator to a side edge part of said the gusset.~~

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A The air-bag according to [Claim 11] Claim 14 wherein the tether is a single panel.

20. (Currently Amended) A The air-bag according to [Claim 11] Claim 14 wherein the tether is a plurality of straps acting together.

21. (New) The air-bag of Claim 14 wherein the interconnected layers of fabric comprise: two super-imposed layers of fabric having substantially identical sizes interconnected by a peripheral seam and a gusset or third layer of fabric interposed between the two layers of fabric over at least part of the peripheral seam, the tether extending from the portion configured to receive the gas generator to a side edge part of the gusset.

22. (New) An air-bag of Claim 14 wherein the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50 mm.